

The ARRL has made a bold and brilliant move to revitalize amateur radio and preserve it as both a hobby, but more importantly, a vital public safety net. The preservation of minimal CW proficiency will serve as an additional emergency resource, while non-code, expanded privileges, and "grandfathering" will encourage newcomers into the hobby and rejuvenate those who have lost interest in amateur radio. The RM is clearly in the public interest, and should be implemented as soon as possible.